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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Committee on Exploitation of Foreign
Language Publications

SUBJECT: Procurement of Critical Far East Publications

1. This is a progress report in answer to your memorandum to me of 20 January 1959, with subject above and enclosing a <u>List of Critical Far East Publications Not Presently Received</u>. Before taking formal Procurement Committee action on your request, I referred your <u>List</u> to the Chief, Acquisitions Branch, CIA Library.

2. In general, the comments of the Chief, Acquisitions Branch, point to the fact that his resources have not been fully utilized in attempts to procure the publications on your <u>List</u>. For example: a) Some November issues of two Communist Chinese provincial newspapers, Chekiang Jih-pao, Hangchow and Hsin-Hunan Pao, Ch'ang-she, were received in the Acquisitions Branch on 6 January 1959 (your attention is called to the fact that the second of these newspapers is received through the assistance of a friendly nation, causing the delay in receipt); b) Of the five Laotian newspapers on your List, two, Santiphap and Lao Hom Lao, are no longer published, and the other three had been requested on 10 December 1958. We expect also that the recent visit of ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ OCR, will   25X1A9a
result in more effective procurement from this whole area.

3. I am, therefore, submitting your entire <u>List</u> to the Acquisitions Branch, CIA Library, for concerted procurement action. Progress reports will be submitted to you from time to time. Should this action fail to produce some titles on your list, the problem will be referred to the Interagency Priorities Committee within three months, with a statement that all procurement channels available to us have been tried without success and the Committee's assistance is requested. This latter action is in accordance with the operating practice of the IPC.

4. I wish to express my appreciation to you and your Committee for having called this matter to our attention.

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